IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of	)	
	)	
YAMAMOTO et al.	)	**Art Unit 2826**
	)	
Application Number: 10/817,004	)	
	)	
Filed: April 5, 2004	)	**Examiner Ahmed N. Sefer**
	)	
For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF	)	
	)	
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. HITA.0536	)	

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 6, 2005, the shortened period of response to which is set to expire on September 6, 2005, with the payment of the fee for a three-month extension of time. Applicants hereby elect the continuing prosecution of Species 3 as recited in claims 6 and 7, directed to the embodiment illustrated in Figures 10-11, without traverse.